

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, November 19, 1904, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Washington, D.C. November 19, 1904. Dear Alec:

This is a very shabby answer to your splendid letter, but it means a mail sooner. Your letters were splendid and the assurance you were taking care of yourself made me so happy. I want to hear about the trial of the kite — I can hardly wait. How many times did you re write that Story of the Egg? It is a perfect little gen. I gave it to Dr. Gilman to read and he was enthusiastic. I am going to give it to Bert to publish just as it is — it couldn't be improved. I sent the appendix part to Dr. Sowers. Of course we none of us want an operation if it is not necessary. It would be splendid if the framework could support the pressure, but still if it doesn't you wont be heart-broken.

Did I tell you I'd made a study of railway architecture coming down and find that the tetrahedral cell is exactly what they need in the great railway barns. They have domes braced with great steel arches which themselves are braced with triangular braces. They should be filled with tetrahedral cells. Also the steel signal bridges.

I have such lots to do in our house, I don't want you one day before the 5th anyway. They are working in dining room and cellar and the house can't be cleaned until they go. The furnace boiler cracked — a new one has to be put in, the filter is all choked up again.

Much love, Mabel. Alice Hill was married Thursday-November 19. Daisy and I are going to the unveiling of Frederick's statue.